

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 18, 2016

On Monday, July 18, 2016, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Bill Faber. Seven members present, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizens, the following citizens appeared:

Russell Shulke spoke about various Decatur developments.

Malcolm Jackson asked Council to devise a plan with the help of the African American and low income community to come up with a program that would change the thinking of the police officers when they approach these individuals in their community.

The minutes of July 5, 2016 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for Unfinished Business and there being none, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

There were no Proclamations or Recognitions.

2016-50 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights of Way and in Central Park for Decatur Celebration, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

City Manager Tim Gleason shared this is the annual request for authorization to permit the consumption of alcoholic drinks at the Decatur Celebration. Of particular importance this year is that Decatur Celebration requests Council approve extending the hours of consumption of alcohol to 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on Friday, August 5, 2016

and Saturday, August 6, 2016. In previous years, the cutoff time was 11:00 p.m. each night. In addition, Decatur Celebration requests to change the start time of alcohol sales from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Sunday, August 7, 2016.

Lori Sturgill, Producer/Director of Decatur Celebration, explained the Celebration's goal is to be self-sustaining financially. The Celebration's prime sales hours are Friday and Saturday evening and adding an hour can make a difference financially. Lori Sturgill answered Council's questions in regards to changing the hours of operation.

Councilman Bill Faber moved to amend the Ordinance back to last year's Celebration hours, ending the hours of operation at 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried to amend the Ordinance.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried to approve the Ordinance as amended having the alcohol sales end at 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

R2016-90 Resolution Regarding Parking Fees for Garages B and C and Surface Lots A and F for Decatur Celebration, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-91 Resolution Authorizing Public Displays to Honor Decatur Celebration, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-51 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52 – Alcoholic Liquor, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Economic Development Officer Patrick Hoban explained the request would allow for more microbrewers in the area.

Charlie McGorray shared with Council the property the developers are looking at to put a microbrewery in is approximately 480 feet away from the Jewish Temple. The City Code currently will not allow for retail alcohol sales within 500 feet of a church.

Diana Binkley had concerns with the brewery being located near Millikin University.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber voted nay. Six ayes and one nay; Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2016-52 Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 2016-29 Ordinance Regarding Annexing Territory 1415 North Sunnyside Road, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2016-53 Ordinance Annexing Territory - 1415 North Sunnyside Road, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2016-54 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 72 South Shores Drive, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2016-55 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 1837 Ferris Drive, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2016-56 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 2290 West Boiling Springs Road, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-92 Resolution to Appropriate Additional Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Microsurfacing of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code, City Project 2015-24, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-93 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 with Microsurfacing Contractors, LLC for Microsurfacing, City Project 2015-24, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-94 Resolution Accepting Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Burdick Plumbing & Heating Company, Inc. to Perform 2016 Annual Water Main Replacement Project, Lake Ridge Addition City Project 2016-10, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilwoman Dana Ray mentioned the City is using iron pipe instead of PVC on this project and asked if there were any issues with leaching of any minerals or metals into the water. Water Services Manager Randy Miller said the ductile iron pipe is commonly used in water systems and it's lined with cement. Water Services Manager Randy Miller said there would be no issues with the metals.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for Other Business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe commended Police Chief Getz and the Decatur Police Department along with the Macon County Sheriff's Department for their work with Dr. Jeanelle Norman and the ALERT Group in handling a situation that came before the City in a very professional manner.

Councilman Pat McDaniel would like Council to restrict the hours in Central Park from midnight to sunrise. Mayor requested a staff report telling Council the implications of restricting Central Park hours. Also, Councilman Pat McDaniel shared he had started a new campaign to wear blue ribbons to show support for law enforcements officers.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to a Study Session for Video Gaming and the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe invited the community to come to the podium and share their input on video gaming in Decatur.

Russell Shulke said the sale of alcohol beverages and gambling should not be banned in Decatur. Mr. Shulke had concerns about the gambling money going out of the community.

Chris Johns said Council needed to take into consideration the parlors are selecting vacant properties, paying rent, hiring employees, and buying goods and services. Mr. Johns said the parlors had not been a nuisance to the community. Mr. Johns suggested coming up with a reasonable answer to the money leaving the City. He also suggested renewing the liquor licenses at the date the licenses were applied for instead of renewing them all at the same time.

Howard Sergeant requested Council limit the number of facilities and consider the people who are gambling.

Gary Haines requested Council stop the spread of gaming parlors. Mr. Haines said the revenues had gone down over the past 3-1/2 years.

Kim Logan agreed with Mr. Haines that the revenues had gone down. Ms. Logan stated gaming machines help pay the neighborhood bars bills. Ms. Logan asked if the higher parlor liquor license fee make up for the food and beverage taxes the parlors are not paying because they are giving away food and beverages. Ms. Logan wanted Council to know that local bars give back to the community throughout the year. She requested Council give a lot of thought and consideration into any fee increases.

Mark Allen requested Council give consideration to those individuals who have already made plans and are spending money to build new parlors.

Diana Binkley asked who is responsible for the customers who had previously been drinking elsewhere and go into the parlors.

Renee Frye shared with Council when families go into some of these businesses, depending on where they located, sometimes it is a big distraction for anybody who has little kids. She has not returned to a couple of establishments because her child wants to go see what is going on because of the noise coming from the parlors. Ms. Frye thought Decatur could do better raising revenue than by expanding gaming parlors.

Council discussed video gaming fees and licenses.

City Manager Tim Gleason will explore what ability the Council has to restrict video gaming going forward and what is the accurate staff costs for the issuance of terminal fees and report back to Council.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara gave the City's Financial Report.

There being no further business, Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved August 1, 2016
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk